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SUMMARY OF FY 1997 ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Idaho focuses its goals on water quality, air quality, hazardous waste, pollution prevention and environmental indicators.

Water Quality	
Key Goal	Objectives
Maintain a core water program capable of attaining and maintaining beneficial uses and minimizing risk to human health and the environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define Idaho's core water quality program, specifying minimum activities and necessary resources.• Implement a drinking water program to ensure that all public water systems are providing safe water.• Implement Idaho's Ground Water Quality Plan by providing a framework for the coordination and protection of the ground water resources across the state.• Establish and implement protective and workable Idaho Water Quality Standards (WQS).• Review water quality permitting rules, identify possibilities for flexibility and streamlining. Further identify rules that unreasonable hinder streamlining.• Maintain adequate permitting, inspection, and enforcement programs which continue to meet Clean Water Act requirements, state water quality standards, waste water and application rules, subsurface sewage disposal rules, and cyanidation rules.• Perform education, technical assistance, and outreach to inform citizens and stakeholders on methods to improve water quality, and seek to establish partnerships to improve water quality.

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Implement TMDL and 303(d) requirements using the watershed approach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work towards addressing EPA's concerns with 39-3601. • Develop proposed regulations implementing 39-3601 for adoption by the Legislature. • Coordinate TMDL and permitting activities on a watershed basis. • Find and develop alternative approaches to intensive TMDLs for 303(d) listed waters, acceptable to both EPA and DEQ, in order to achieve water quality standards within foreseeable time frames. Involve stakeholders in this process. • Work with EPA to implement court approved schedule for 303(d) water quality limited waterbodies. • Maintain adequate watershed monitoring program to assist in TMDL prioritization and development of 303(d) list.
EPA and DEQ will work together to address geographic areas that require high levels of effort and resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to a high level of involvement in key geographic watershed locations.
Prompt correction of violations that threaten Idaho's environment or the health of Idaho's citizens to reduce pollution in navigable waters of the United States.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track minor facilities in priority watersheds, while EPA provides Permit Compliance System (PCS) data entry for major facilities to produce a list of major facilities in reportable noncompliance for the state of Idaho.
Prevention of violations through use of applicable permitting, enforcement and compliance tools and targeted assistance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement an effective NPDES program to control the discharge of pollutants (particularly toxics) into Idaho surface waters and into POTWs. In addition, manage a biosolids program that encourages beneficial use. • Continue to provide timely 401 certification of EPA NPDES permits.

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Continue compliance and monitoring to determine causes of violations and develop programs to achieve compliance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide accurate information about compliance and enforcement so that PCS data effectively produces the QNCR, and is capable of noting any violation trends for DEQ. • Conduct inspections in support of the NPDES program and enforcement of the Clean Water Act (CWA). • Investigate and respond to citizen complaints.

Air Quality	
Key Goals	Objectives
Maintain a core air quality program capable of assuring that air quality standards are attained and maintained, and prevent significant deterioration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define Idaho's core air quality program, specifying minimum activities and necessary resources. • Maintain permitting of new and existing sources which continue to meet federal and state rules and standards. • Maintain compliance assurance program that continues to meet federal and state rules and standards. • Maintain a statewide air monitoring and assessment system which meets state needs and federal requirements and provides information on air quality conditions statewide. • Develop and implement State Air Quality Implementation Plan (SIP) to ensure protection of air quality statewide.
Develop SIP elements and implement control strategies to improve air quality in areas which have experienced violations of ambient air quality standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandpoint will not violate air quality standards for PM-10 by the date identified in the approved SIP. • Kootenai County will not violate air quality standards for PM-10 by the date identified in the plan submittal. • Land under State jurisdiction in Power-Bannock Counties will not violate air quality standards for PM-10 by the date identified in the approved SIP.
Attain fully approved Title V Operating Permit Program by the end of federal fiscal year 1997.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolve enforceability issues associated with Idaho's Environmental Audits rules. • Insure that MACT standards are incorporated into Title V permits.

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Air Quality	
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Address emerging air quality issues in a proactive manner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address smoke management issues posed by increased prescribed burning on publicly managed wildlands. • Develop and implement a state emergency action plan to minimize impacts on public health from wildfires and assess air quality impacts. • Prepare for and encourage reasoned implementation of revised PM standard.

Hazardous Waste/Petroleum Cleanup Program	
Key Goal	Objectives
Maintain a federally authorized hazardous waste program capable of assuring proper management of hazardous waste to protect human health and the environment in Idaho.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain an authorized permitting, closure and corrective action program for new and existing treatment, storage and disposal facilities which satisfies federal and state hazardous waste rules and standards. • Maintain hazardous waste enforcement and compliance assistance program for federal and state hazardous rules and standards. • Maintain a rulemaking, authorization, and technical data management program necessary to continue operation of the federally authorized hazardous waste program.
Protect human health and the environment from past, ongoing, and future releases of hazardous materials and petroleum products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish DEQ/EPA agreement to address site screening/assessment activities. • Perform emergency and short term response actions taken to stabilize and/or cleanup imminent, substantial threats. • Remediate hazardous waste/petroleum sites in accordance with existing programs, agreements and schedules, in a cost effective and timely manner.

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Pollution Prevention	
Key Goal	Objectives
Integrate preventative measures into programs and activities rather than correcting problems once they occur.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopt DEQ Pollution Prevention (P2) vision statement as DEQ guidance.• Train DEQ employees to practice P2 and to identify P2 opportunities.• Include a P2 component in all grant workplans.
Provide and enhance P2 expertise. Provide a focused support for successful planning and implementation of prevention efforts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make P2 technical assistance and educational resources available to internal and external audiences through P2 Resource Center.• Develop measurable goals for P2 activities and identify indicators for measuring success of P2.• Evaluate Pacific NW Regional P2 Strategy and implement elements as appropriate for DEQ and Idaho.

Environmental Indicators	
Key Goal	Objectives
Develop environmental indicators to assess the outcomes of environmental management activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review currently available environmental indicators for all programs (air, water, waste, etc.) For which data are available. Select an initial array of indicators on which long term performance of program activities will be assessed.• Establish base lines and report trends in the initial indicators.• Identify additional, desirable environmental indicators for which data or methods need be further developed and establish a plan to acquire the data or methods for additional indicators which are feasible.• Annually review the system of environmental measures and initiate improvements as necessary.